AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for bidding by vendors of customized goods or services, comprising steps of:

receiving a plurality of vendor records, each of said vendor records having ~~vendor record, said vendor record having~~ vendor identifier data representing a vendor, and a vendor capability data identifying ~~a capability of~~ a plurality of capabilities for said vendor to provide a customized good or service for each of a plurality of vendors in a pool of vendors;

receiving a job data from a buyer, said job data having a buyer identifier data, and a job descriptor data ~~representing a custom job~~ which specifies a plurality of characteristics of said customized good or service for which said buyer wishes a price quote or bid;

automatically comparing via a computer processor said vendor records to said job data, wherein said comparing includes comparing each of said plurality of characteristics for said customized good or service with corresponding plural capabilities for each vendor;

automatically identifying via a computer processor at least one ~~group~~ subset from the pool of vendors as qualified for receiving an invitation for bid, based on said comparison;

selectively transmitting a solicitation to only selected members from the pool of vendors;

receiving bid response data from at least one of said vendors which received said solicitation, said bid response data identifying each of the vendors from which it was received and a bid price; and

outputting to said buyer said bid response data.

Claims 2-24 (Canceled) Claims 2-24 were previously canceled.